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CALCUTTA 2110 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 27 AUG  
76. BEING RPTD FOR YOUR INFO.

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SUBJ: REPORTED EXPULSION OF U.S. CITIZEN, LEADER OF  
KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, CHARLES BACIS

REF: CALCUTTA 2104 AND PREVIOUS

1. TWO USC LEADERS OF ISKON, JOHN SIMMS AND GEORGE  
SCHARF, RESIDENTS OF CALCUTTA CALLED ON CONOFF AUGUST  
27TH TO DISCUSS EXPULSION OF USC SWAMI BHABANANDA, AKA  
CHARLES BACIS. THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY  
REASON FOR THE CRITICAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT THEIR  
ORGANIZATION AND WERE AFRAID THAT THE EXPULSION OF BACIS  
MIGHT BE A PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER ATTACKS ON THEIR OR-  
GANIZATION. CONOFF STATED THAT HE HAD NO RPT NO INFORM-  
ATION THAT THE GOI OR THE GOWB WAS TREATING ISKON DIFFERENT  
FROM ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

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2. DURING PART OF CONVERSATION IN WHICH APO LIEBOWITZ

WAS PRESENT SCHROFF EXPLAINED THAT BACIS WAS UNDER 10,000 RUPEE BOND IN A "TAPE RECORDING THEFT CASE." THE STORY AS RELATED BY SHROFF WAS THAT BACIS WAS TEACHING ENGLISH WITH THE USE OF HIS TAPE RECORDER AND IT WAS STOLEN BY ONE OF HIS STUDENTS. BACIS THEN TOLD THE REST OF THE STUDENTS THAT UNLESS THE TAPE RECORDER WAS RECOVERED CLASSES WOULD DISCONTINUED. THE STUDENTS RECOVERED THE TAPE RECORDER AND "A LAWYER ENTERED A CASE AGAINST BACIS FOR THEFT OF HIS OWN TAPE RECORDER." AN UNUSUALLY HIGH BOND OF 10,000 RUPEES WAS PLACED ON BACIS TO SEE THAT THE WOULD APPEAR FOR HEARING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5TH.

3. BACIS HAS A "QUIT INDIA" NOTICE WHICH REQUIRES THAT HE DEPART INDIA BY AUGUST 28TH. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BACIS HAS BEEN IN INDIA FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR ON HIS PRESENT TOURIST VISA AND HAS BEEN IN INDIA FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS ON VARIOUS TYPES OF VISAS.

4. CONOFF STRONGLY ADVISED SCHROFF AND SIMMS IMMEDIATELY TO NOTIFY BOTH THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND THE COURTS IN WRITING AND WITH RECEIPTS FOR THE LETTERS REGARDING THE PRESENT LEGAL DIFFICULTIES OF MR. BACIS SINCE IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THE BOND UNDER WHICH MR. BACIS IS ALLOWED TO REMAIN FREE WOULD NOT RPT NOT ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

5. SIMMS STATED THAT HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF REPORTER ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA WHO WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN WHEN BACIS WOULD BE DEPARTING INDIA.  
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